

HARVEY TO PARIS FOR MEETING

DUR AMERICAN ENVOY MAY FACE GREAT RESPONSIBILITY IN CONFERENCES.

FRANCO-BRITISH IN ROW

Great Britain Likely to Insist on Not Sending Troops to Silesia—Premier Briand May Try to Play for More Time.

London.—On the eve of the meeting of the supreme council in Paris to consider the fate of Upper Silesia, one of the most important gatherings of that body since the armistice, the British attitude and policy may thus be summarized:

While Great Britain is willing to give Poland her just dues in Upper Silesia, she also insists that full consideration and justice be accorded to German claims.

There is a feeling in official and other well-informed circles that Premier Briand, realizing the gravity of the present situation, will not persist in a course which would aggravate the bitterness between Germans and Poles and perhaps also scrap the Anglo-French entente.

In diplomatic quarters Ambassador Harvey's position in the supreme council is akin to that of Henry White at the Algerian conference some years ago. On that matter the Outlook, a well-known London weekly, says: "It will be interesting to know why the Paris press repeats and clings to the myth that Mr. Harvey is going to the meeting of the supreme council merely as an observer."

"This is profoundly true. If, and when, any situation may arise to imperil the peace of Europe, through the Silesian or any other situation, the representative of the United States will act. The American administration takes the view that since the United States was called upon to expend blood and treasure in one European war, prevention of another was vital to American interests."

END OF CAMP FUNSTON.

800 Buildings Will Be Sold at Auction August 16.

Camp Funston, Kan.—Preparations are being made here for the final act in the passing of Camp Funston on Aug. 16 to 19, when the cantonment buildings will be sold at auction. The official announcement of the sales says 800 buildings, eight million feet of lumber and all building equipment—plumbing, furnaces, etc.—will be sold.

PRESSMEN GIVE IN.

Rochester Local Recants Demand for 44-Hour Week—Resume Work.

Rochester, N. Y.—The first break in the printers' strike in progress here since May 6 came when A. J. Cromback, president of the pressmen's local No. 33, notified the Rochester typographers that the men have unanimously voted to return to work, recanting their demand for the 44-hour week.

GOMPERS IN CAMPAIGN.

Will Seek to Increase Membership of American Federation of Labor.

Washington.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, will soon launch in Quebec a campaign intended to stimulate the trade union movement throughout the United States and Canada with a view to increasing the membership of the federation. It is announced.

British Coaling Port.

Kingston, Jamaica.—In connection with the proposal to re-establish Port Royal as a naval station on account of the strategic position of Jamaica in the Caribbean sea, provision is being made to coal and victual British ships, especially those passing through the Panama canal.

Lenine to Scotland.

Copenhagen.—Nikolai Lenine, Russian Bolshevik premier, plans, subject to British permission, to leave soon for Scotland for a holiday, says a special dispatch from Reval.

SELF-DEFENSE PLEA.

Lively Tells Reporter He Was Forced to Kill Men.

Welch, W. Va.—Self-defense is the claim of C. E. Lively, Baldwin-Felts detective, held under bond in connection with the shooting and killing of Sid Hatfield and Ed Chambers, Mingo mountaineers, in a statement to newspaper men. "I regret having had to shoot either one of these men," Lively said, "but it is a case of self-defense pure and simple."

DRIVE BLACKS FROM TOWN.

Demonstration in Town Where World War Veteran Killed.

Dixon, Ill.—A number of negroes were driven out of town by a band of several hundred men from Dixon and Polo, former home of William Coffey, world war veteran, who was shot to death in a negro resort east of town. Demonstrations were staged by the crowd in front of a negro tenement here and later small bands of men fired a negro resort on the outskirts of the town.

SEND ENVOYS TO PLEAD FOR HELP

SAY, PROPAGANDA HAS BEEN STOPPED ABROAD—ORDERS FOR GOODS HELD UP.

RICH PEASANTS ARE SLAIN

Accused by Bolsheviks of Having Hid Grain—American Prisoners Will Be Safely Out of Russia Soon, Is Promise.

Riga.—An intercepted soviet wireless message states that the Mariupol government authorities have executed several rich peasants who had hidden grain. In the Naratof district bandit bands are reported to be committing depredations and in several cases they burned what little was left of the crops. The soviet government is making an example of a number of farmers who refused to pay a produce tax.

London.—The soviet authorities have decided to send three special delegations abroad on behalf of starving Russia, declares a Reval message forwarded by the Exchange Telegraph Agency from Copenhagen.

Prof. Bechterev, formerly of the University of Petrograd, will head the delegation to England, France, Spain and the United States, the message said. Adolph Joffe will head the delegation to Switzerland, Italy, Czechoslovakia and Poland, while M. Lunarsky, former minister of education, will head the delegation to Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Holland and Belgium.

Meanwhile, asserts the dispatch, the soviet representatives abroad have been ordered to suspend propaganda work. It also is reported that orders for machinery and other goods will be held up, the money remitted being used for the purchase of food.

All the American prisoners in Moscow and Petrograd will be sent across the Russian border soon, according to a message received here by Walter L. Brown, European director of the American relief administration from Leo Kamenoff, chairman of the Russian relief committee.

SERVANTS CHEAP THERE.

Cooks Get From \$20 Up in Argentina, South America.

Buenos Aires.—The servant problem has not yet been the cause of much worry on the part of the Argentine housewife. Servant labor is cheap and plentiful, although not very efficient, throughout the country.

ARREST TOWN MAYOR.

Charged With Operating Still on Most Prominent Corner in Town.

San Antonio, Fla.—Mayor George J. Freese of this place is out on bond pending trial on the charge of violating the liquor law. He was arrested by Sheriff Sturkie of Pasco county, who claims that Freese was operating a moonshine still on the second floor of his residence, on the most prominent corner in town.

HAS BIGGEST FIRE EVER.

Candy Plant at Mt. Vernon, Ill., Burns, With \$300,000 Loss.

Mount Vernon, Ill.—The biggest fire that Mount Vernon has had in years occurred when the candy manufacturing plant of H. W. Faulkner was burned. The loss is estimated at \$300,000. The building was the largest one in Mount Vernon.

RACE REPORTED BY WIRELESS.

Chicago.—Chicago newspapers received results of the speed boat races off the municipal pier by wireless telephone through the Associated Press. For the first time in history a wireless telephone direct into a press association office is being used to cover a news event.

DRY DELEGATES SAIL.

Go to International Congress Against Alcoholism.

New York.—American delegates to the international congress against alcoholism, to be held at Lausanne, Switzerland, are passengers on the steamer Zealand, sailing for Plymouth, Cherbourg and Antwerp.

Legion Pleads for Life of Negro.

Montgomery, Ala.—Members of the American Legion petitioned Gov. Kilby and the board of pardons for the commutation to life imprisonment of the death sentence imposed on Grant Cooper, overseas negro soldier, convicted of the murder of his wife and sister-in-law here.

Gets New Coat of Paint.

Washington.—The White House is getting a new coat of paint. The White House is the whitest building in the world, and now they are making it whiter. It is getting its yearly coat of paint.

War on Exposed Food.

Birmingham, Ala.—State health officials have joined with city authorities in enforcement of the health laws against displaying food at markets, fruit stands and other places, unprotected against flies and dust.

JOHN I. M'KEOWN IS RELEASED

REPUBLICANS' PROTEST BRINGS DECISION BY BRITAIN—PEOPLE ARE DEEPLY STIRRED.

OTHERS ALSO LIBERATED

Member of Dail Eireann Who Was Accused of Murder and Whom England Threatened to Hold, Is Now Free, Officials Declare.

London.—The threatened break in further peace negotiations between the British government and the Sinn Fein in Ireland was bridged through the release from prison of John M'Keown, by order of David Lloyd George, the British prime minister, on representations from Eamonn de Valera, the Irish republican leader. M'Keown was in prison under conviction for the murder of Chief Inspector McGrath.

All the other members of the Sinn Fein Parliament under detention had been released, but the authorities of Dublin Castle had refused to set M'Keown free. This fact had deeply stirred the Irish people, who claimed that M'Keown should be accorded the same immunity as had been granted the other republicans.

In London the incident is considered a victory for the Sinn Fein. The general belief is, however, that the Dublin Castle officials acted without consulting the London government when they issued their notice that M'Keown could not be released, and that the London government in the interest of peace overruled them.

ARGENTINE ENVOY DIES.

Was Former charge d'Affaires in U. S., Later Serving in Colombia.

Bogota, Colombia.—Dr. Carlos Zavala, Argentine minister to Colombia, died here following an attack of angina pectoris. He had served his country as charge d'affaires at Washington, being advanced to the position of secretary of the legation there just before being transferred to Paris, where he acted as legation secretary.

No More Wage Parleys.

Muskogee, Okla.—There will be no more joint conferences between mine workers and operators on the subject of wage reductions in Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma, according to announcement made here by Eugene Ross, secretary of District 21, United Mine Workers of America.

FAST TRAIN WRECKS.

Several Hurt in Missouri Pacific Crash at Donaldson.

Little Rock, Ark.—Two men were killed and several injured when Missouri Pacific train No. 3 from St. Louis to Texas was wrecked at Donaldson, a small station about 40 miles southwest of Little Rock. Four or five coaches were derailed. The injured wreck victims were taken to a hospital at Arkadelphia.

LET IMMIGRANTS ENTER.

Excess Will Be Charged Against Quotas of Various Nations.

Washington.—Immigrants in excess of July and August quotas now held at various ports will be admitted under personal bond and charged to the year's totals. Commissioner General Husband of the immigration bureau has announced. The order was issued after a conference with ship representatives.

RIDER TACKLED ON BEER BILL.

Dry Agents Must Have Warrants, Says the Senate.

Washington.—The Willis-Campbell anti-beer bill was passed by the senate, 3 to 2, and sent to conference with the house with the prospect of its final enactment.

Upon being informed of the action treasury officials said the beer regulations which have been drafted and are ready for Secretary Mellon's signature would not be issued pending action by the senate and house conferees. The regulations would provide for use of medical beer under the ruling of former Attorney General Palmer, which the bill is designed to overcome.

Kills His Brother.

Philadelphia.—Ralph Jarret Penrose, 30 years old, was shot and almost instantly killed at Elkins Park by his brother, Norman Samuel Penrose, 26 years old, in the heat of a violent quarrel. The shooting resulted over dispute of a telephone bill amounting to \$4.11.

L. & N. Would Cut Melon.

Washington.—The Louisville & Nashville railroad company have asked authority of the Interstate Commerce commission to issue \$55,000,000 capital stock to be distributed as stock dividends among its stockholders.

Not Bluffed by Whipping.

Fort Worth, Texas.—Benny Pinto, who was whipped by masked men, says he intends to "get a job as soon as I am able and not leave the city." Pinto was ordered to be out of the state "within 48 hours."

TO ELIMINATE TAXES ON SODA

BUT LEVY ON FARMERS' SODA "POP" MAY REMAIN—BIG LOSS OF REVENUE.

COMMITTEE MAKES DECISION

Luxury Tax on Wearing Apparel and on Sporting Goods Will Go—Big Taxes Not Yet Taken Up by House Leaders.

Washington.—Agreement to eliminate the taxes on fountain drinks and ice cream and the so-called luxury tax on wearing apparel is understood to have been reached by republican members of the house ways and means committee, sitting in executive session. A reduction of one-half in the 10 per cent levy on sporting goods is also said to have been agreed upon.

Repeal of the 10 per cent tax on carbonated bottled beverages, which is collected and paid by the manufacturer monthly, also was discussed at the meeting and favorable action was predicted by some members of the committee, who argued that it was not fair to remove the tax on drinks at fountains in the cities and retain the levy on bottled goods sold largely in the rural districts.

The total loss of revenue from these proposed changes would be slightly less than \$50,000,000 and the reductions are the first to be passed upon by the majority members in their effort to carry out the announced programme of republican house leaders to cut half a billion dollars from the nation's tax bill.

BANDIT'S APOLOGY.

Mexican Regrets He Had to Hold Lieutenant for Ransom.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Lieut. Jesus Rentría, Mexican bandit chieftain, has extended apologies to Harold G. Peterson, former aviation lieutenant, once held in Mexico with Lieut. Paul H. Davis for \$15,000 ransom, according to a message received by Peterson at his home in White Bear, Minn. In the message, which wishes Peterson the "best of luck," Rentría declared he "would kill Davis the first time I see him."

HOLD ALLEGED FIREBUGS.

Thomas Brown, 72, and Son Charged With Oil Mill Blaze.

Sandersville, Ga.—Thomas Brown, 72, and his son, Claud Brown, 28, were arrested on warrants charging them with having set fire to the Sandersville Oil Mill, which was destroyed May 20. Sheriff English said the elder Brown made a confession implicating others, but officers declined to discuss details pending a further investigation.

IS BURNED TO DEATH.

Wreck of Freight Train Has Heavy Toll in Texas.

Houston, Texas.—Fifteen men, unauthorized persons aboard, are believed to have been burned to death in the wreck of Gulf Coast Line freight train No. 32, eastbound, near De Quincy, La., according to advices received at the general office of the railroad company here. Work of clearing the debris is proceeding. The bodies are burned beyond recognition.

TAX ON GRAND OPERA.

Georgia Senate Adopts Bill for Five Per Cent Levy.

Atlanta, Ga.—The state general tax bill was passed by the Georgia senate 38 to 7, after adoption of an amendment placing a five per cent tax on all amusements, from grand opera to moving picture shows.

Inquiry Brings Serious Riot.

Oakland, Cal.—Eight men were badly injured, shots were fired and police were summoned to a riot call to a picnic resort near here when a prohibition enforcement agent attempted an arrest at an outing given by the Rebel Cork Benevolent association.

HELD BY GOVERNMENT.

Woman Charged With Concealing Mail Robbery Records.

New York.—Miss Caroline Hess is held in \$1,500 bail by Federal Commissioner Hitchcock, charged with unlawfully concealing records of mail robberies under investigation at Chicago. She was said to be secretary to Arthur M. Goldsmith, recently arrested here in the round-up of alleged mail robbers.

GHOST DRIVES AUTO.

Man Supposedly Murdered Rushes Policemen to Home to Verify It.

St. Louis.—"Drive fast—Edward Rottermund murdered at 3229 S. Compton," shouted Policemen McAllister as he commandeered an automobile. "That's me," replied the driver as he excitedly stepped on the gas. At the Rottermund home it was learned Rottermund's mother had heard an automobile back firing in the alley and surmised her son had been shot by highwaymen.

TENNESSEE EVENTS

Gathered from All Corners of the State and Told in Briefest Form

Manchester.—Charles H. Peay, secretary of the Tennessee Automobile association, has been here to inspect the Manchester-Pelham road. Mr. Peay recommends this road to the state and national commission for construction under the direction of the federal government.

Columbia.—The scholastic population of Maury county gained 431 during the past year.

Chattanooga.—The East Ridge school building, located in a suburb east of Missionary Ridge, was completely razed by two charges of dynamite placed by some miscreant unknown to the authorities.

Clarksville.—The R. B. Taylor Co. of Louisville, Ky., was awarded the contract for asphalt surfacing of eight miles of county roads at a cost of \$3,849.

Camden.—G. B. Halladay, chairman of the democratic executive committee of Benton county, has called the committee to meet in Camden Monday, September 5, for the purpose of ascertaining the wish of the party as to a plan to nominate candidates for the county offices.

Newbern.—All public schools in the rural districts of Dyer county are now in session, according to the newly appointed school board.

Knoxville.—The supreme court of Tennessee, at its session which convenes here September 18, will hear an appeal in the case of Tom Christmas, Otto Stevens, Charles Petree and John McClure, convicted on a charge of the murder of George Lewis and attempted murder of Arthur Crumley in the Anderson county woods on the night of May 30.

Harrogate.—Sixteen students were graduated from Lincoln university in its summer class. This is the largest summer graduating class in the history of the institution.

Bradford.—Rev. Bessie C. Morris, noted woman evangelist of Texas, is conducting a revival meeting at Cumberland Presbyterian church. Her forceful addresses are attracting much attention and large crowds are in attendance.

Bradford.—The Bradford High school has opened with Prof. Bruce, Mrs. Blanche Carr, Prof. Lackey, Mrs. N. D. Guy, Mrs. R. V. Atkins, Miss Bessie Dunlap and Miss Caille Alexander as teachers. The attendance is exceptionally large and looks like the building will have to be enlarged.

Friendship.—R. L. Weaver died after a lingering illness. Death resulted from paralysis, with which he was stricken some time ago.

Chattanooga.—Mrs. William H. Friar, wife of a well known citizen, died at a local hospital as the result of injuries received when an automobile crashed into a buggy in which she was sitting, throwing her to the street.

Chattanooga.—Blevins Downey was shot and killed in the home of Charles Baxter, aged 20, his brother-in-law. Baxter is held in connection with the killing. Downey, it is alleged, had struck Baxter's wife and was killed with a shotgun at close range after he had refused to desist.

Alamo.—S. Homer Tatum, a member of the bar here, has been appointed by Federal Judge J. W. Ross referee in bankruptcy for the eastern district of Tennessee. He will succeed Judge P. W. Maddox of Huntington and Judge T. A. Lancaster, of Lexington.

Nashville.—Fuller Freeman, aged 104, a veteran of the civil war and said to be the oldest resident of Tennessee, is dead at the Confederate soldiers' home from senility.

Nashville.—A letter mailed on the train at some point west of here on the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railway, brought Gov. Taylor a dollar bill, attached to a slip of paper on which was written "for conscience fund."

Trezevant.—Prof. E. H. Edwards of this city has been elected superintendent of the high school at Rutherford.

Huntingdon.—H. L. Hubbard, contractor, sustained a few broken ribs and painful scratches and bruises when he fell through the framework of a bungalow which he is building for Dr. H. J. Peoples, a few miles north of Huntingdon.

Newbern.—All farmers and local business men in this section are enthused over the prospects of the large blackberry crop expected in the vicinity of Newbern this fall.

Knoxville.—Failure on the part of the Southern railway company to land a shipment of cattle in Baltimore for T. A. Remine, of Washington county, before the tumbling of the market price was not held as ground for damage to the extent of the price at which the cattle had been sold by the court of civil appeals here.

ALWAYS ON GUARD

Superstitious Bulgarians Dread Spirits of Evil.

Observe Many Odd Customs Which They Believe of Immense Importance to Their Welfare.

Are you one of those who will not walk under a ladder, raise an umbrella in the house or spill the salt without casting a few grains over your shoulder? If you believe in these or the kindred superstitions fast dying out in this country, you will feel a degree of kinship with the average Bulgarian peasant. For there are so many things a Bulgarian may not do, writes Temple Manning, in the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Among the many customs of rural Bulgaria, to neglect which is considered unlucky and even sinful, are the following: To bring flour into the house and neglect to fumigate it with special incense. This must be done to drive out of the flour any demon which may have entered the sack.

When the housewife or her daughter goes to the spring for water, she must not neglect to spill a little on the ground before even starting with the pail for the house. This is done to turn out any elemental spirit which has been scooped into the pail. If it isn't done the spirit may take up its abode in the house, and may even enter the body of one of the family who drinks the water.

If you are asked to sell a loaf of bread you must not part with it without first having cut or torn off a small piece from an end. The spirit that has helped you make the bread must be given a chance to fly out of the loaf and still linger in the house he loves.

Under no circumstances may you give a child a spoon to play with. I do not know just why you may not do this, but it is considered exceedingly unlucky.

Nor can I account for the belief which is common in some far farming sections of Bulgaria, that it is very unlucky to give a child under seven years of age a bath. The child may wash itself, but that is its own lookout. The mother may wash the child a little also, but not give it a bath all over at one time.

Imagination easily accounts for the prohibition against cleaning a stable, selling milk, fetching water or doing any of the many other farm duties after darkness has fallen.

But how is one to account for the Bulgarian belief that to permit a dog to sleep on the roof of a house will disturb the rest of the dead members of the family?

These and countless other superstitions rule the daily work and habits of old Bulgarians and the youths who live and work in many a shut-in section of that hilly land.

Bitter Joking.

Elmer Glyn, the novelist, was talking to a reporter about her long visit in Spain.

"The death rate for babies is fearful in Spain," she said. "If it were not for that sad fact the world would soon contain more Spaniards than Chinese; for the Spanish are a remarkably prolific race. Families of 15 and even 20 children are not uncommon among them."

"But these children die off in their infancy because their mothers are so very ignorant of hygiene. I once heard two Spanish doctors joking—joking bitterly, you know—about this maternal ignorance which does so much harm."

"Yes," said the first doctor, "Donna Pilar's new baby died off, off, of course. At the age of two months she was feeding it on pork, cheese and wine."

"Pork, cheese and wine—a good diet, that, for a two-months' old baby," said the second doctor. The rich Romans, though, have a better one for their youngsters. They give it for dinner every evening a brace of chops, fried potatoes, sweet pudding and a stiff whisky and soda, with coffee, liqueur and a good strong Havana cigar to follow."

Aviation Marvel Found.

An airplane capable of landing without the need of a large aviation field, able to rise without a long run before, able to travel more than 300 miles an hour and, if necessary, to meander along at but a few miles an hour, is announced as the invention of an Italian engineer, Epaminonda Bertucci of Rome.

The inventor claims that he already tried out the machine on a small scale and regards his first experiments as indicative of the success of the invention. The new machine is primarily intended for aerial war chasing and is to be armed with a machine gun. It is a monoplane.

Remedy for Ants.

Here is a helpful paragraph in a New York paper: "To rid the pantry shelves of red ants, wipe them with denatured alcohol every few weeks." Now, how are you to catch the ant and give him that alcohol bath? The cursed little things just won't stand still.—Jackson News.

The Crowning Aggravation.

To make matters worse, when your collar is wilted; when you vacillate between a desire to commit suicide and a desire to throw up the job and wander off to some cool mountaintop to rest, in pops the cool man to say: "Buy your winter fuel now."—Louisville Courier-Journal.